Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 in the Village Hall.

Present,

Cllr’s Gwyneth Davies, Clare Rooke, Sheena Duller, Ifan Jones Evans, Matthew Sims, Amanda Williams and Alan Wilkinson.

Also present was Cllr Wyn Evans.

Apologies were received from Cllr Christian Pateman.

The chair, on behalf of the councillors present congratulated Cllr Ifan Jones Evans on the birth of their fourth child.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Cllr Sheena Duller, seconded by Cllr Matthew Sims.

**Matters Arising;**

**Defibrillators,** The clerk reported that the two defibrillators had arrived. The two locations that were decided were New Row and Penrodyn. Cllr Christian Pateman and the clerk will arrange for stands to be made for both defibrillators. It was agreed to purchase another defibrillator in the next financial year to be located somewhere in Ysbyty Ystwyth.

**C1115 Pontrhydygroes to Llanafan**. This road remains closed and has been for 12 months now. Cllr Wyn Evans and the County Councillor for Trawscoed Ward have been in discussion with the Highways Department and have been told that no work will be done until the 2023-24 financial year.

**Community Councillor Training**. The clerk reminded the councillors of an email received from One Voice Wales to do with statutory training. There is a list of modules and all Community Councils must come up with a training plan. The clerk suggested that Ysbyty Ystwyth, Lledrod and Ystrad Meurig come together to discuss their requirements and share the training costs. The clerk was going to contact the other clerks to see what their views on the training courses are.

**Coffee mornings**. The Community Council have held a couple of coffee mornings in the Village Hall to date. Support has been good so far and seems to be increasing weekly. It was suggested that we contact CAVO to see if there is a possibility of arranging some talks on a regular basis.

**Caravan.** For many months now a caravan has been parked on the roadside opposite Hafod garage in Pontrhydygroes. Cllr Alan Wilkinson reported that the caravan belongs to Sharon Millar and she intends to move the caravan onto her property. This was six weeks ago and the caravan is still there. It was decided that if the caravan was still there in two weeks the clerk will contact Ceredigion Council to get it removed.

**Visibility New Row.** Complaints have been received about the poor visibility in New Row due to vegetation growing on the bank near the bus stop. The clerk reported that cutting back of the vegetation was the responsibility of the land owner. Cllr Ifan Evans knows the land owner and will discuss.

**Community garden.** Councillors suggested that it would be good to trim back the vegetation in the community garden before the spring. It was also mentioned that a willow tree behind the shelter be cut back. The clerk will ask Kieron Evans if he could carry out this work.

**Precept.** It was decided once again to ask for a precept of £3000.00. The clerk will inform Ceredigion Council.

**Cllr Wyn Evans.** Cllr Evans reported that he had attended a cabinet meeting where the Council Tax rise was discussed. The proposal from cabinet is a rise of 7.3% for 2023-24. This proposal will have to go to scrutiny and full council to be approved.

Cllr Evans also mentioned that he will be attending a meeting to discuss refuse collections in Ceredigion. Over recent months there have been many days when refuse throughout the county has been not collected on the correct day or not at all. Councillors agreed with this as the collection in this community has been poor. There was also a mention of the poor treatment of our roads during the recent cold spell and no gritting had been done on the roads in our ward.

Use of Council Buildings. There is a consultation paper out about the future of council buildings now that many lie empty or not fully occupied. The clerk reported that he had not received this email and will make enquiries.

**Planning Application Pantffynnon.** Cllr Ifan Jones Evans has now left the meeting so this matter can be discussed. Cllr Wyn Evans reported that after the recent site visit there was a cooling off period with a recommendation to allow planning to move forward on principal that planning for a new access track be submitted.

The application for a new access has been submitted, to ate here is no planning notice in place, and the clerk has not received any notification of the planning application. There were no objections from the councillors to the planning application. Whilst on the subject the clerk mentioned that he hardly ever receives any planning notices from the authority.

Cllr Evans said he would look into this.

This meeting was re-scheduled to 7.00pm on short notice. Councillors all agreed that they preferred this start time and that we continue with a 7.00pm start.